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RELATED MATTERS

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1. REFTTEL REPORTS THAT USG IS NOW CONSIDERING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE ALASKA POLLOCK QUOTAS FOR THE USSR AND THE ROK. WE BELIEVE THAT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD U.S. INTERVENTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE ROKG ESTABLISH AN INTENT PERMANENTLY TO EXCLUDE ROK FISHERMEN FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL POLLOCK FISHERY OFF KAMCHATKA.

2. THE EFFECTS OF ROK EXCLUSION ARE BEING FELT BY JAPAN AS WELL AS KOREA INASMUCH AS THE KOREAN POLLOCK FLEET HAS MOVED SOUTH TO THE WATERS AROUND HOKKAIDO WHERE IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY JAPAN.

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3. THE SENSE OF ALL THE INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON FISHERIES AT THE LAW OF THE SEAS CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT HAS BEEN TO PROTECT THE RESOURCES OF THE IMMEDIATE COASTAL COUNTRIES AND TO SHARE IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE THE BURDENS THAT GOOD MANAGEMENT IMPOSES. THE SOVIET POLITICAL ACTION IN EXPELLING KOREAN FISHERMEN FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL FISHERY APPEARS TO US NOT

ONLY TO VIOLATE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE AND SET UNDESIRABLE
PRECEDENT, BUT ALSO HAS LEVIED AN UNFAIR AMOUNT OF THE CON-
SERVATION BURDEN ON THE TWO U.S. PARTNERS WHO ARE ALSO THE
MOST SENSITIVE TO POLLOCK SUPPLY IN THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.
WHETHER THE KAMCHATKA POLLOCK STOCKS ARE BEYOND THEIR MAXIMUM
SUSTAINABLE YIELD IS IRRELEVANT TO THE QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE
WHICH HAS ARISEN. THE USG ALONE HAS THE LEVERAGE TO CORRECT
THE SITUATION BY TRANSFERRING FOREIGN FISH QUOTAS FROM THE
USSR TO THE ROK.
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